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MOSES Urges Members to Testify GIC annual public hearing Wednesday, February 3rd at 12:30.

Dear M.O.S.E.S Member,

As you may know, due to the Group Insurance Commission's (GIC) estimated deficit of \$35 million, the Commission voted on November 20, 2009, to increase your co-pays and deductibles effective February 1, 2010. **These changes affect all state employee and Non-Medicare retiree/survivor health plans.** The Group Insurance Commission will hold its annual public hearing on February 3rd at 12:30pm, at the Charles F. Hurley Building, located at 19 Staniford Street in Boston, MA.

I strongly urge all M.O.S.E.S members to attend this hearing and protest against the unfair increases in medical costs for public sector workers. Don't sit back and take it ... ACT NOW! This is your opportunity to tell your personal story or express your concerns about just how the increases in deductibles and co-pays will affect your families' budget!

Benefit Changes Effective February 1, 2010:

Primary Care Physician Office Visit Copay: \$5 increase across all tiers.
Specialist Office Visit Copay: \$5 increase across all tiers.
Retail Clinic Copay: \$5 increase.
Physical Therapy, Chiropractic, Routine Eye Exam, Speech Therapy, and Occupational Therapy Copay: \$5 increase.
Outpatient Surgery Copay: \$10 increase - no increase for Fallon Select, Harvard Independence, and Tufts Navigator.
Hi-tech Imaging Copay (e.g., MRI, PET and CT scans): \$25 increase.
Emergency Room Copay: \$25 increase.
Mental Health/Substance Abuse Outpatient Visit Copay: \$5 increase.
New calendar year deductible of \$250 per member to a maximum of \$750 per family.

Again, I urge you to attend the GIC public hearing - Let your voice be heard! Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Dorant
President

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